

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel.
- 5 2. Same as claim 1 where lactic acid is used with or without kojic acid.
3. Same as claim 1 where citric acid is used with or without kojic acid.
- 10 4. Same as claim 1 where salicylic acid is used with or without kojic acid.
- 15 5. Same as claim 1 where lactic, citric and salicylic acid are used with or without kojic acid.
- 20 6. Same as claim 1 where glycolic acid is used with or without kojic acid.
7. Same as claim 1 where malic acid is used with or without kojic acid.
- 25 8. Same as claim 1 where tartaric acid is used with or without kojic acid.
9. Same as claim 2 where pyruvic acid is used with or without kojic acid.

30

10. Claims 1-9 with the addition of 0.5 to 4.0 percent hydroquinone.
11. Claims 1-9 with the addition of arbutin.
- 5
12. Claims 1-9 with the addition of ascorbic acid.
- 10
13. Claims 1, 2 and 5 where lactic acid is L-lactic acid.
14. Claims 1-12 with hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel in an ethanol-water carrier.
- 15
15. Method of utilizing hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel for the treatment of hyperpigmentation.
- 20
16. Method of utilizing hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel for the treatment of acne.
17. Method of utilizing hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel for the treatment of photodamage.
- 25
18. Method of utilizing hydroxy-kojic acid skin peel for the treatment of intrinsic aging.
- 30

19. A topical skin exfoliation composition comprising lactic acid, kojic acid, citric acid and salicylic acid.
- 5 20. The composition of claim 19, defined further as consisting of 16 to 24 parts L() lactic acid, 18 to 24 parts citric acid, 2 parts kojic acid, and 50 to 65 parts ethyl alcohol.
21. The composition of claim 19, defined further as comprising hydroquinone.
- 10 22. A topical skin exfoliation composition comprising 10 to 16 parts L(+) lactic acid, 12 to 18 parts citric acid, 14 parts salicylic acid, 2 parts kojic acid, and 50 to 65 parts ethyl alcohol.
- 15 23. A method for facial exfoliation, comprising the following steps:
- 20 a) obtaining a composition comprising lactic acid, kojic acid, citric acid and salicylic acid;
- b) applying a coating of said composition to the facial skin in an amount effective to cause skin peeling.
- 25 24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
- a) prior to applying said composition, thoroughly cleansing facial skin to be exfoliated using an appropriate degreaser;
- 30 b) applying a second coat of said composition to the facial skin 2 to 4 minutes after the first coat;

- c) applying third and further coats of said composition to the facial skin at 2 to 4 minute intervals until appearance of crystals or "frosting";
- d) cleaning the facial skin with a water dampened sponge or equivalent;
- e) applying hydrator mixture comprising octylmethoxy cinnamate, benzophenone 3 and titanium dioxide in aloe vera solution the first night after peel; and
- f) performing additional treatments at biweekly or monthly intervals until desired results are obtained.

10

25. The method of claim 23 or 24, defined further as providing substantial reduction of acne symptoms and superior acne prevention capability.